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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Rochlin-Laers airfield between 6 and 28 February 1954:

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6 February. A total of 42 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were parked on the landing field. Six of them were ready for take-off at the eastern end of the runway. There was no air activity.

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12 February. No air activity was observed. A total of 45 swept-back jet fighters were parked on the landing field. The tail units of 3 aircraft in the southeastern corner of the landing field had been removed and were no longer to be seen in the immediate area. No workers were seen near the aircraft. Six swept-back jet fighters were still seen at the eastern end of the runway.

26 February. A MiG-15 or U-MiG-15 took off at 1500. At the same time, 3 swept-back jet fighters made individual flights over the field. Three tank trucks, 1 radio truck with a red antenna, 1 truck and 3 or 4 soldiers were seen near the take-off point. A total of 14 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were parked in the southwestern corner of the field. Two or 3 men did maintenance work on each plane.

28 February. No air activity was observed. Six alert MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were seen at the eastern end of the runway. 1

2. At 1600 on 21 February, no air activity was observed at Rochlin-Laers airfield. The total aircraft strength was believed to be about 50 swept-back jet fighters. 1

3. On 21 and 24 February, there was night flying by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s at Rochlin-Laers airfield. At about 0900 on 2 March, 2 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s took off at short intervals. At 1600, 1 Po-2 and 4 individual

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swept-back jet fighters landed. After 1715, there was night flying by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s.<sup>1</sup>

4. On 3 March, 2 trucks were parked near the Token-type radar set which was located on a hill north of the field. The radar set was not in operation. 2

1.  Comment. It is believed that Rechlin-Laers airfield is still occupied by 1 fighter division headquarters and 2 fighter regiments. A total of 45 to 50 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were observed on the landing field. MiG-15 No 472 was last observed in Puetnitz in 1955.

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2.  Comment. The Token-type radar set has previously been confirmed on Spretsche Mountain.

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